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RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to an Office communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2002, in which claims 7-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph. Applicants also submit a Request for Continued Examination and appropriate fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e), along with a petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time up to and including April 22, 2003. Applicants respectfully request review and withdrawal of the finality of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Specification

The Office Action states the CRF of the Sequence Listing filed on April 19, 2002, was damaged upon receipt at the USPTO. On April 22, 2003, Applicants mailed to Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202, a new CRF and a letter stating that the content of the paper copy filed on April 19, 2002 and the new CRF are identical. A copy of the disk containing the CRF and a copy of the letter are submitted herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Sequence Listing.